

WAR IN EAST HAS ATTAINED EXCITING AND ACUTE STAGE

Petrograd Reports That Russian and Austro-German Forces Are Massing In Great Numbers Around Lodz and Warsaw

APPROACHING CONFLICTS EXPECTED TO BE DECISIVE

Muscovites Are Pouring Into Front In Great Numbers and Upon Weight of Legions Engaged Will Depend Triumph

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, DECEMBER 19.—THE situation near Lodz and Warsaw has not materially changed, but the most important news is that the Russian army has advanced to within a stone's throw of the Silesian border north of Cracow.

This army will have an important part to play in the event of a Russian success at Lodz, where the opposing armies are massing in great numbers for a decisive battle.

SLAYS FOUR INTO FRONT

The Daily Mail is in receipt of advice from Petrograd to the effect that Russian reinforcements in large numbers are pouring into the front in Poland, where the issue of the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon either side gaining in the weight of the greatest number of men.

Petrograd announced officially last night that there was almost a complete lull in the fighting on the left bank of the Vistula river, and that all attacks by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army had been repulsed.

SITUATION IN GALICIA

The report says that the attempted offensive movement in Western Galicia has been checked, and that 3000 prisoners and a number of guns have been taken.

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LONDON, DECEMBER 19.—The British press has been busy in the last few days with a complete denial of the statements contained in the Austrian official announcement from Vienna which says that "the Russian main forces have been beaten and are retreating along the entire front of 250 miles from Krosno, in Galicia, to the mouth of the Sava River in Poland."

NO CHANGE IN PRUSSIA

An official announcement from Berlin yesterday says that on the Prussian frontiers there was no change in the situation. This report also said that in Poland the German army continued the pursuit of the retreating enemy. This is not in accord with the reports from other sources.

The Post is in receipt of advice from Budapest to the effect that Field Marshal Potiorek, of the Austrian army, who commanded the army operating against Serbia, is to be court-martialed at Vienna for allowing the withdrawal of three army corps along the Serbian front.

GERMAN WAR REFUGEES COMING FROM SHANGHAI

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 19.—The state department has granted permission for the three hundred German women and children now stranded in Shanghai as war refugees to pass through the United States on their way to Germany. The refugees will sail for the United States on some American liner and will come, probably, by way of Honolulu to San Francisco.

WHOOPIING COUGH

When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all dealers, Bouson Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

Kaiser Recovers Sufficiently To Leave For Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
AMSTERDAM, DECEMBER 19.—Advices have been received here from Berlin that the Kaiser has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave again for the front this week. No intimation has been given out whether he leaves for France or Poland.

ANOTHER BLOODY ERA IN MEXICO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 19.—Reports from various points on the border last night indicated that another era of bloodshed in Mexico was on again, and that conditions are now worse than when the factions assailed hostilities to argue their differences at the Aguas Calientes convention.

KAPATA LEADER EXECUTED

Private messages from Mexico City yesterday reported the execution at that place of Panfilo Martinez, the spokesman of General Zapata at the Mexican capital, although Provisional President Guiterrez had issued a decree forbidding political executions.

General Carranza remains at Vera Cruz and is carrying out his bloody policy of executing all his opponents who fall into his hands.

WILL SPARE NO ENEMY

He has published a decree throughout his army that all former federalists whose services were afterwards accepted by General Villa or Zapata were sentenced to death and were to be executed whenever captured.

Reports last night from San Antonio said that General Samuel de los Santos, commanding several thousand government troops, had revolted and surrendered San Luis Potosi to Carranza, electing his allegiance to the latter.

FILIBUSTERERS BUSY

It was reported from Brownsville, Texas, that a filibustering expedition was attempting to cross the Rio Grande into Mexico at a point four miles above that town. Two troops of United States cavalry left last night for the scene to conduct an investigation.

LONDON REPORTS EGYPT ANNEXED

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TURKISH ENDS

This act ends the domination of any portion of the Ottoman Empire over the Egyptian territory of 1,300,000 square miles.

Prince Hussein, who is in Egypt, is a Turkish sympathizer, and is a son of the late Sultan Abdulhamid II.

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MYSTERIOUS DOG IS ON HIGH SEAS

Men Said To Have Arranged Olsson & Mahony Cargo Said To Have Fled

"Williams" and "Hall," the mysterious duo, alleged to have arranged for the cargo of the steamer Olsson & Mahony, held up by the federal authorities at San Francisco on the supposition that it was destined for the German warships which recently paid the awful toll of war in the far-distant waters of the South Atlantic, have been located.

The individuals, who are in reality members of the German secret service, are now on the high seas aboard the Norwegian tramp freighter Christian Dors, Captain Hills, which steamed on December 1 from Puget Sound for Shanghai, according to information made known yesterday upon the arrival of the steamer Manchuria.

Arrangements for their transportation, it is said, were made through a San Francisco shipping agent, and the price for service, etc., is said to have run into the thousands. The mysterious couple left the city for Seattle in time to make connections with the Christian Dors, which, under charter to the Dollar Company, is carrying lumber to China.

Money No Object

In sounding various Coast shipping men who are familiar with the movements of vessels outside of the regular lines, the agent for the pair said that he wanted a ship that was going direct to the treaty port of Shanghai without stopping en route.

"There will be two passengers and money is no object," the agent is deemed to have offered.

If the Christian Dors, under stress of weather, should put into Honolulu, the couple, it is said, will be investigated by the United States immigration authorities. The British authorities, it is understood, are taking steps to have the men placed under surveillance when the Christian Dors arrives at Shanghai, which should be in about thirty days after her departure from the Sound.

Agent Is Coming

The 1000 tons of general cargo discharged from the Olsson & Mahony and warehoused at the pier was refused clearance for shipment. The Olsson & Mahony received a cablegram from the Valparaiso consignees, announcing that a representative would come to San Francisco to take over the goods.

The federal authorities are engaged in compiling extensive reports on the Sacramento and Olsson & Mahony cases for the Washington department, which has located the collector of the Port John O. Davis in his decisions in regard to the two craft.

That the Sacramento voluntarily turned her cargo of coal and supplies over to the German fleet is the purport of information received by the authorities. After conferring and provisioning the German vessels, the Sacramento took a number of French prisoners and sailed for the coast of France, where she is likely to remain until "things blow over."

Although there has been no information received in Honolulu as to the possibility of the Christian Dors putting into this port for bunker coal, considering the experience of the Strathdon, which sailed from the Sound over the Great Circle route, bound for the coast and had to put in here for fuel owing to the bad weather experienced on the northern route, it is not at all unlikely that the Norwegian vessel will call here.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PARIS, December 19.—Advices received here yesterday say that the French court has been installed in conquered territory at Thann, in Alsace.

The ceremony was solemn and formal, and was very affecting to the pioneer residents of this district. Old residents have been waiting many years for the French return, and were moved when they found themselves under the tri-color and the jurisdiction of France.

A statement of the financial condition of France was made yesterday by the government, when Minister of Finance Ribot told the parliament that France was prepared financially for a long war.

"Our resources are such that a termination of the war need never depend on the status of our financial power," he said.

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Taxpayers Assessed \$40,000 In Twenty-two Months and More To Come

INVESTIGATION SHOWS LAVISH EXPENDITURES

Mayor- and Supervisors-elect Look Into Matter and Figures Prove Astonishing

(From Saturday Advertiser.)

Investigating the various sources of the expenditure of public money in an effort to determine the items in which economy can be effected by the incoming municipal administration, the mayor- and supervisors-elect have unearthed figures showing that during the past two years, with the exception of November and December of this year, the sum of \$17,700 has been spent by the city for automobiles, and \$19,053.41 has been paid out for maintenance, repair and repair of the county machines, exclusive of those used by the fire department and waterworks department. Besides this, Mayor Fern's chauffeur has drawn \$1552.50 in salary and County Engineer Wall's chauffeur has cost the treasury an additional \$450, these salaries being computed to the end of this month.

Surprised Even Bourbons

The story has been current on the street for the past few days that the city fathers were astonished at the facts showing the expenditure of nearly \$40,000 in twenty-two months and that some of the members of the present board of supervisors were themselves astonished when they found how much money has been spent with a free hand for this purpose. The officials of the county auditor's office were not disposed to discuss this matter when interviewed, but when confronted with a statement of the facts admitted that the figures were practically correct, as the mayor-elect had been looking into the matter.

The data prepared for the investigation shows that a \$2500 automobile was purchased for the mayor. The detective department had to be content with a \$5200 car, while the electric light department got a small \$1100 roadster. The road department got a new machine by trading in an old one and adding \$4000 in the deal. The road department also got two five-ton trucks which cost \$5800 each.

Mayor Fern's

Not counting the chauffeur's salary it cost the county more to maintain the mayor's machine than it originally cost, the expense of maintenance up to October 31 being \$2973.41. The police department's machine, including the sheriff's automobile, the patrol, the motorcycles and other motor vehicles in use cost \$10,853.17 for maintenance for the same period.

The \$1150 roadster in the electric light department cost only \$180.68 for upkeep in nine months, and the license inspector's machine cost \$471.10 in twenty-two months, these two being the most economical machines, including the property of the street and most nearly reasonable to maintain, while in contrast the machine used by the waterworks department cost the taxpayers \$730.68 in four months.

Engineer Machine Garage Goldmine

Another more reasonable figure was the expense of upkeep for the building and plumbing inspector's car, this item being \$282.24 for twenty-two months. The county engineer's machine was another expensive item, costing the small sum of \$4125.98 for upkeep in twenty-two months, not including the \$450 item of sale for a chauffeur to drive the car so Mr. Wall could mentally out-line his day's work undisturbed by the signals of the traffic officers, and the necessity of cranking up occasionally.

Scion of Kentucky-Breckenridge Family For Years Has Led Adventurous Life

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NAVAL DRYDOCK WILL BE UNIQUE

Construction Begins In Due Time and Will Be Along New Lines

Actual work of construction on the new naval drydock at Pearl Harbor will not begin for several months, but the work will progress rapidly once it is begun, said Walter B. Dillingham last night. Mr. Dillingham returned to Honolulu yesterday by the steamer Manchuria, after a year spent on the mainland looking after the interests of the Hawaiian Dredging Company in connection with the drydock.

Practical Work

It will take six months or more to clear away the basin and the bottom of the former drydock which collapsed when partly completed. The bottom of this basin was shaped to accommodate a ship, whereas under the new plans, devised by the late Alfred Noble, the bottom will be of equal width throughout the entire length.

The dock which will be built will be 165 feet long, and will be built in sixteen sections, each having a base 60 by 150 feet, constructed of a steel truss reinforced with concrete.

Floating Drydock

These sections will be built upon a floating drydock of 3000 ton capacity, similar to the one now in use in Honolulu harbor. This floating drydock will have to be built, and the construction which will require several months will begin at once, according to Mr. Dillingham.

About ten days ago an order was placed for 3,000,000 pounds of steel with the Carnegie steel mills. It will require about three months' time for the shipment of this steel to begin, and about two months more to get it over here, according to Mr. Dillingham's estimates. Under this arrangement, the steel should begin to arrive about the time the basin is cleared of debris and the floating dock ready to proceed with the work.

New Principles Applied

This dock is to be completed by July 1, 1915, according to the terms of the contract. It is to be constructed upon entirely new principles, differently from any other drydock in the world.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL SEE HILO FIRST

The pilgrimage of the Knights of Columbus of San Francisco to Honolulu, Hilo and the Volcano, Kilauea, by the ship Sierra, which has been especially chartered by them, has been announced by Edward H. Coleman, who is chairman of the committee. This trip will take twenty-one days, and the itinerary will keep the party on the jump. The Knights will be here June 20, 1915. The following is their itinerary:

June 22, Tuesday (1 p. m.)—Leave San Francisco for Hilo.

June 28, Monday—Arrive Hilo (1 a. m.) and of Hawaii. Excursion by automobile to the Volcano, Kilauea.

June 29, Tuesday—Return to Hilo, driving through forests of Fern and Koe trees, native villages, etc.

June 30, Wednesday—Arrive Honolulu, where seven days will be spent.

July 1, Thursday—Shopping and sightseeing around Honolulu. Automobile drive to the Nuuanu Valley, the Paoli, Moanani overlooking Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, Waikiki beach, etc.

July 2, Friday—A ride to a pineapple plantation, where a pineapple luncheon will be served.

July 3, Saturday—A grand lunch (Native Feast) will be given in honor of the Knights of Columbus. "Pot" will be served and native dancers will entertain the guests.

July 4, Sunday—Rest.

July 5, Monday—Grand excursion to Haleiwa, where a study of real Hawaiian life will be found interesting.

July 6, Tuesday—Swimming and surfing contest at Waikiki Beach. Leave for San Francisco.

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PHILADELPHIA, December 19.—The American ship John Sna, which is loading here with 115,000 cases of kerosene for Japan, will be the first square rigger to pass through the Panama Canal. By using the trans-isthmian waterway in preference to the route around the Horn, the John Sna will cut eight thousand miles from her voyage.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CAPETOWN, December 19.—General Botha, commander of the British forces, considers that the rebellion started by disaffected Boers under General Beyers, General de Wet and others is ended except for a few stray bands of Boers who are now being rounded up. General Botha is taking a short rest before beginning an important campaign against the territory of German Southwest Africa.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 19.—An official announcement issued yesterday by the British Admiralty in regard to the naval raid on the North Sea coast by the Germans, denies that any British ships were lost in the action with the Germans. The Admiralty statement says that the torpedo-boat destroyer Hardy engaged the German cruisers and was driven off with a loss of two killed and fifteen wounded.

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